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TRUSTEE WORKSHOP

Plans have been made for a public library trustee workshop to be held in Columbia this coming November. Under the co-sponsorship of the South Carolina State Library Board and the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association, the one-day workshop will attract trustees from throughout South Carolina.

J. F. Nolen, chairman of the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association, announced that the meeting will attempt to develop within the public library trustees a better knowledge of themselves, their problems, their roles, and a fuller understanding of the public library staff and the community with whom they work.

Other members of the workshop steering committee in addition to Florence's Mr. Nolen are Mrs. Cyril B. Busbee, member of the South Carolina State Library Board; Dr. L. A. Schneider, chairman, Greenwood City and County Public Library Board; James H. Ellison, chairman of the board, Richland County Public Library; Margie Herron, Field Services Librarian of the South Carolina State Library Board, and Betty E. Callahan, Director of Field Services, State Library Board.

South Carolina's public library trustees are legally appointed laymen who serve without pay. They are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate public library service in their respective counties.

The South Carolina State Library Board periodically sponsors seminars and workshops for public library personnel in the interest of better public library service.

1968 INTERNSHIPS

Twenty young people have been awarded library internships in 12 S. C. county and regional libraries and in one institutional library for the summer of 1968. This is the 10th year the State Library Board has sponsored the intern program. The sponsoring libraries, the library interns, and their colleges are: Abbeville-Greenwood Regional library - Betty Anne Chapman, Lander College; Julia Anne Moore, Winthrop College; Beaufort County Library - Glenda J. Kuyper, Winthrop College; Charleston County Library - Laura D. Blanchard, College of Charleston; Margaret P. Boyd, Agnes Scott College; Daniel J. Kennedy III, College of Charleston; Sarah L. Stevens, 1967 graduate of College of Charleston, 1968 graduate student at University of Virginia; Florence County Library - Betty J. Taylor 1967 graduate of Winthrop College; Mary E. Thornal, Columbia College; Greenville County Library - Susan A. Dedmond, Furman University; Laurens County Library - Frances A. McNinch, Winthrop College; Oconee County Library - Frances Elizabeth Lay, Anderson Junior College; Pickens County Library - Parrie Jean Brezeale, Winthrop College; Richland County Public Library - Ina S. Gravitz, University of South Carolina; Zoe Ann Bushouse, Brenau College (Gainesville, Georgia); Spartanburg County Library - Joanne S. Breathitt, Erskine College; Nancy Maria Hunt, Mars Hill College (Mars Hill, N. C.); Sumter County Library - Anthony Kennedy Dawson, Wofford College; York County Library - Jaunita E. McDuffie, Winthrop College; S. C. State Hospital Library - Margaret R. Schultze, University of North Carolina. The twenty interns include five sophomores, eight juniors, five seniors, and two 1967 graduates.

RECENT LSCA CONSTRUCTION GRANTS TOTAL \$363,822

Applications for construction grants from Abbeville, Berkeley and Greenville counties have been approved and funded.

The Abbeville County Library Board received a grant of \$38,823 to renovate the old post office building to serve as Abbeville headquarters of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library. The total cost of the project will be \$58,823.

The Berkeley County Library qualified for a \$75,000 grant since it is headquarters of a system serving a population of 38,196. Local funds for this project total \$100,000. The new building will be constructed on the site of the present building.

Greenville will construct a \$2,125,702 headquarters library building which will also serve as an area reference resource center. By virtue of serving a population of more than 200,000 and being a reference resource center, Greenville received an LSCA grant of \$250,000. A \$250,000 grant was also allocated under the Appalachian Regional Development Act.

The John Dart Branch, Charleston County Library; the Seneca Branch of the Oconee County Library and the renovation of the old post office in Newberry for headquarters of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library are nearing completion. Each of these received a \$50,000 LSCA grant through the State Library Board.

Bids for the proposed renovation of and addition to the Pickens County Library building will be opened July 23. This project was advertised for bids early this year but all bids were rejected because they were in excess of the funds available. Pickens qualified for a \$75,000 LSCA grant and a \$30,000 grant under the Appalachian Regional Development Act. The Pickens County legislative delegation appropriated \$42,000 for this project. Volunteers are assisting in moving the books from the present library building to temporary quarters in the Sunday School department of the Easley First Methodist Church. The library will operate from the church during the construction period.

LSCA FUNDS

The HEW appropriations bill provides the same amounts as requested in the President's budget for programs authorized by the Library Services and Construction Act, namely:

Title I - Public Library Services	\$35,000,000
Title II - Public Library Construction	9,185,000 *
Title III - Interlibrary Cooperation	2,281,000
Title IVA - State Institutional Library Service	2,094,000
Title IVB - Library Services to the Physically Handicapped	1,334,000

In commenting on the funds allowed for the LSCA program, the House Report 1575 states: "The Committee has approved the exact amounts requested for library services and library construction."

In view of the mandate to cut \$6 billion in Federal spending (P. L. 90-364), there is little inclination on the part of either the House or Senate to add any amount above the budget recommendation. Instead, the trend is to reduce items further.

NOW IS THE TIME TO WRITE TO YOUR SENATORS. Stress the importance of good library service as an investment in the community educational facilities and services. Urge their support for adequate funds for all library items in the HEW appropriations bill (HR 18037).

____ ALA. Washington Newsletter v.20 No. 6, July 2, 1968

* The remaining \$9 million of the FY 1968 appropriation is to become available in the fiscal year which began July 1, 1968.

SYMPATHY TO

The family of J. Mack Knox of Clover. Mr. Knox, who died recently, was a member of the Clover Public Library Committee and a long-time member of the original Kings Mountain Township Library Board which preceded the Clover board.

NEW FEATURE FOR NEWSLETTER

With the August issue NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES will inaugurate a new series on recently constructed public library buildings. The Sumter County Library building will be the first to be featured. It was the first to be completed under the LSCA program in South Carolina.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The announcement that Estellene P. Walker, SLB director had been selected by The Progressive Farmer as 1967 Woman of the Year in Service to Rural Families in South Carolina was made in the January issue of the magazine.

On June 19 during the annual meeting of the Extension Homemakers Council at Winthrop College, Oris Cantrell, woman's editor of The Progressive Farmer presented the award to Miss Walker. In making the presentation Miss Cantrell summarized the library development and improvement which has taken place during Miss Walker's tenure as director of the State Library Board.

UNIFIED COUNTY LIBRARY POSSIBLE FOR DARLINGTON

Under the provision of a bill introduced and passed during the last legislative session, the three library systems in Darlington County may combine to form one county wide library.

The act provides for the establishment of a county library, for the governing body with the authority to establish, equip, maintain and operate a county library system.

The library boards in Darlington (city and county) and Hartsville will determine whether or not they wish to join the system.

With this legislation, Marion is the only county without provisions for a unified county library system.

EASLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Mrs. Mary Ellen Gregorie has been elected president of the Friends of the Easley Library. At the organizational meeting John T. Gentry, a member of the Easley Library Board, explained that this board is being dissolved since the local library is part of the county system and the Friends would succeed the board.

Arthur Magill and Miss Jean Galloway, members of Greenville Friends of the Library spoke on the desirability of such an organization.

The Pickens County Library and the Easley Book Club were co-sponsors of the meeting.

In addition to the membership dues, a gift of \$500 and several of \$100 or more were announced.

GREENVILLE SURVEY

The staff and trustees of the Greenville County Library are making a self-study of the library facilities and practices in order to improve and extend their services when they move into the anticipated new library building in 1970.

The study is being done by seven committees consisting of a chairman and co-chairman (one of these two being a professionally trained librarian), a cross-section of the total staff and a board member. Each member of the staff serves on at least two committees, so he or she can get an over-all picture of the program. The subjects being studied are: administration, finance, library services, technical processes, personnel, public relations, and books and materials.

Each committee studies the background of the present program and its problems and investigates means of improving services. The meetings are held during the library day, are informal and everyone participates. When an immediate need is found, it is referred at once to the trustees through the trustee member of the committee. The staff is becoming better acquainted with the over-all program, with each other and with the board members.

At the conclusion of the study, each committee will submit a report with recommendations and a long-range plan of development.

NEWS NOTES FROM ALA

Among South Carolinians attending the 87th annual conference of ALA in Kansas City were Marguerite Thompson of the Florence County Library; Frances Reid of the Spartanburg County Library; Charles Stow of Greenville County Library; Estellene P. Walker, Betty Callaham, and Margie Herron of the State Library Board; Kenneth Toombs, USC Librarian, and Nancy Jane Day and Mrs. Margaret Ehrhardt of the State Department of Education. Dorothy Smith, a Carolinian now transplanted to the New York State Library, was also in attendance.

During the Membership Meeting, ALA members went on record as opposing the recommendation of PEPCO that the ALA Recruiting Office be jettisoned. The recommendation resulted from the financial straits in which ALA finds itself. The voluble opposition was led by Donald Hunt, recruiting officer of the Pennsylvania State Library. Heated debate also followed the proposal by Kenneth Duchac (Maryland Dept. of Ed.) and Dorothy Bendix (Drexel University) to by-pass the Organization Committee to facilitate establishment of a round table to deal with the social responsibilities of libraries. Membership favored establishment of the round table but the council delayed action pending the receipt of the organization's report which it was requested to make "as expeditiously as possible".

On June 24, Estellene Walker presided at the meeting of the American Association of State Libraries. The program dealt with a review of the twelve years of the Library Services Act. Miss Walker was succeeded as president of ASL by John Humphrey of New York State.

The Public Library Association's Committee on Interlibrary Cooperation meeting dealt with the PLA Systems Study and featured reports on the Kent-Caroline Public Libraries Association of Ridgely, Maryland, the Memphis (Tennessee) Public Library, the Fairfax County (Virginia) Public Library, and the Wayne County (Michigan) Public Library.

The LAD Recruitment Office Regional Representatives presented a panel discussion on "Effective Public Relations Recruits!" An interesting feature of the discussion was the presentation by Evelyn Mullen, USOE Regional Officer, who set the record straight on the origin of the library intern program in South Carolina and gave a complimentary report on the S. C. State Library Board's recruiting programs. [EVELYN, WE LOVE YOU!]

Other interesting programs included a presentation and discussion of the proposed Code of Ethics, sponsored by the LAD Personnel Administration Section; reports from the President's National Advisory Commission on Libraries presented at the first general session; "Trustees Unlimited," a workshop sponsored by ALTA; "Training Library Technical Assistants", presented by the Library Education Division; and a panel discussion on "The Metropolitan Library Looks to its Future" by the Public Library Association; and a program on "Serving Adults in Today's Society" sponsored by the ASD Reading Improvement for Adults Committee.

INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

Under the provisions of Title IV-A of the Library Services and Construction Act the State Library Board administers funds to encourage the establishment and improvement of library service in state institutions. Leon Bernstein, Consultant, Special Programs, is in charge of developing institutional library service.

Crafts-Farrow State Hospital, South Carolina State Hospital, the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind and the South Carolina Department of Corrections all met requirements for participation in projects under Title IV-A. The first project was designed to improve book collections. Qualifying institutions received \$5,000 for book purchases.

The South Carolina Department of Corrections is the most recent of the institutions to employ a professionally trained librarian, Emilio A. Cosio, who holds an M. A. degree in library science from Kansas State Teachers College.

Mrs. Berthea Fleming, librarian at Crafts-Farrow State Hospital will attend a two week institute at Florida State University on institutional library service from July 15-26. Mrs. Sarah Harris, librarian at the South Carolina State Hospital will attend a similar institute at the University of Wisconsin from July 8-19.

ATTENTION LIBRARIANS

July 1 was the effective date of the repeal of the sales tax on books purchased by S. C. public libraries. When ordering books submit a statement that Part III, Section 21, R1455, H2528, the General Appropriations Bill 1968-69 amends the 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina to provide this exemption.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

The many friends of Mrs. Hagood Bostick will regret to learn that she is hospitalized as a result of an automobile accident. Mrs. Bostick, Richland County Librarian and long time member of the State Library Board is in the Providence Hospital, Columbia, S. C.

The St. Andrews Branch of the Richland County Public Library has begun a record collection for loan to its patrons.

John H. Landrum who returned recently from a tour of duty with the U. S. Army to his position as SLB Reference Librarian, received from the Association of the United States Army a plaque as an outstanding student at the U. S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School Ammunition Storage.

Mrs. M. A. Mahaffey will join the headquarters staff of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library on July 1. Mrs. Mahaffey served as librarian of the Spencer (N. C.) branch library for several years.

Marjorie West, formerly librarian at the St. Andrews Branch of the Richland County Library, is now children's librarian at the Florence County Library.

Agnes Crawford, director of the Army Library program, received an Achievement Citation for her significant contributions to the development of the army forces library program at the Kansas ALA conference. Miss Crawford, a native of Columbia, held her first library job at the Richland County Library and was state supervisor of the WPA Statewide Library Project. She plans to retire to Mt. Pleasant on August 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Huff presented a set of the Great Books of the Western World to the Pickens County Library in memory of Dr. E. A. Jameson.

The Simpsonville Garden Club has donated shrubbery and planned the landscaping for the recently renovated Simpsonville Branch of the Greenville County Library.

Mrs. Hazel Mitchell has joined the staff of the York County Library as an assistant in the branch library in York.

The Sumter County Welfare League has donated \$500 to the Sumter County Library. The gift is to be applied to the purchase of slides of paintings, sculpture and architecture to be used in presenting illustrated lectures on art appreciation in the library.

Mrs. Rufus Fellers has been appointed coordinator of the branch libraries of the Richland County Library. She will divide her time between the St. Andrews and Forest Lake branches.

The Children's Room of the Florence County Library is a continuing project of the Florence Sertoma Club, whose latest contribution is a film strip projector.

Mrs. Julius E. Boggs will retire on July 1 after 20 years as librarian of the Village Library, the Pickens branch of the Pickens County Library.

Eldred E. Prince, Loris, has been appointed to the Horry County Library Commission. Mr. Prince is also a member of the Loris Library Committee.

Over 1,600 children have joined the Dragon Reading Club, a summer project of the Richland County Public Library.

On behalf of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Mrs. Everette Brown and Mrs. Anna D. Reuben presented the five volume International Library of Negro Life and History to the Sumter County Library.

Annie James and Mrs. Helen E. Boseman are retiring from the Darlington County Library as of July 1. Miss James served as assistant and acting county librarian before being appointed as head librarian. Mrs. Boseman was a bookmobile librarian and bookkeeper for a number of years.

The 9 by 10 foot Tigerville branch of the Greenville County Library was the subject of a feature article in the Greenville News. Erected in 1925 when roads made travel difficult the branch attained fame via Ripley's Believe It or Not as the smallest library under one roof in the United States.

Mrs. Cortland D. Leigh has been re-elected chairman of the Chester County Library Board. Wade Revels, board member from Great Falls has submitted his resignation because of his transfer to Clemson.

The library tax on Greenville County has been increased from 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 mills.

Ruth Adams, a 1968 Winthrop graduate, has been employed for the summer months by the Chester County Library.

The Conway Federation of Republican Women's Clubs has presented two books to the Horry County Memorial Library in connection with the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project.

Sarah Taylor, Assistant Librarian, Sumter County Library, has submitted her resignation effective August 1. Miss Taylor will become assistant librarian at Newberry College.

READING FOR AN AGE OF CHANGE

Dr. Sidney Hook, Head of the Department of Philosophy at New York University and an eminent modern philosopher, is the author of Contemporary Philosophy, No. 9 in the Reading for an Age of Change series.

Contemporary Philosophy and the other guides in the Reading for an Age of Change series were made possible through grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. In each guide, an outstanding authority writes an analysis of his subject for the layman. The guide also includes an annotated list of books for further reading selected by specialists, librarians and the author. Other guides already issued are on Space Science, The Contemporary Arts, Freedom of the Mind, Expanding Population in a Shrinking World, The World of Economics, The World of Contemporary Drama, Biological Frontiers, and Cultural Anthropology. The final guide in the series will deal with twentieth century political science.

Published by the American Library Association in cooperation with the Public Affairs Committee, Contemporary Philosophy is available for 60 cents from the Public Affairs Committee, 381 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016. Full information on the entire series, including subscription and bulk rates, can also be obtained from the Public Affairs Committee.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by
Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I wish you could see our library. The librarian has turned it into an art - if you can call it that - gallery. The staff spends hours, while real library work suffers, uncrating, hanging and recrating pictures. I get so irked when I go in to look up something or to borrow books and see pictures all over the place. Don't you agree that this is no legitimate function of a library?

Anti-art

Dear Anti:

Come out of the dark ages and into the twentieth century!

Art exhibits belong in a library just as art books do, but you're right in thinking the staff should not have to do the manual labor of crating, unpacking, etc. - nor should this be done where it will interfere with library patrons. It should be done either after hours or in the receiving room.

In many instances libraries are the cultural centers of the communities. They render valuable services and fill a void. Some libraries have collections of pictures which patrons may borrow to enjoy at home, some have outdoor art exhibits. All these are well received and appreciated. Of course books and services come first and receive the major emphasis.

I can't understand your attitude unless you paint and haven't been asked to hold a one man show in the library.

Anne